

DOTS AND DASHES

WIRE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Peace Notes

The Russian Soviet army is now within seventy-five miles of Warsaw. It has captured Lomza, which is just that distance northeast of the Polish capital, and the towns of Kolno and Szczepyn, near the German border in the Lomza region.

Three carloads of American Red Cross supplies have been evacuated from the cities of Poland invaded by the Bolsheviks. There are no supplies or personnel east of Warsaw. A sub-depot has been opened at Cracow and others are planned elsewhere.

The French chamber of deputies has backed up Premier Millerand's proposal to give Germany credits for purchases abroad in return for coal shipments by a vote of 356 to 169. It was a tremendous triumph for the administration. The vote practically amounted to an overwhelming decision for support of Millerand's foreign policy.

Russian cavalry is thundering on the roads to Warsaw. From East Prussia come eye witness reports of the complete collapse of the Polish front and of the flight of Polish infantry, through which Russian Cossacks are riding without stopping to take the panic stricken remainder prisoner.

Czecho-Slovakia is held to have been the winner in the settlement of the Teschen boundary dispute. The Prague government was awarded valuable coal beds in the Karvin basin, a large part of the Spisz and Crava provinces and a railroad crossing the territory from north to south.

The Japanese government has received a communication from the United States pointing out, among other things, that America is unable to recognize Japan's occupation of the northern half of the island of Saghalin.

France and Great Britain, according to information reaching Washington from an authoritative source, have concluded an agreement in connection with oil supplies designed to secure international co-operation and to eliminate competition which might give rise to friction between them.

Washington

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for President, has put his foot down on the movement started by friends to obtain his release from the federal prison. Writing from the Atlanta penitentiary, Debs declared that so long as his comrades "are held criminals and convicts," his place was there.

New prosecutions of coal operators and brokers have been announced by the department of justice. The latest cases involve a number of operators and brokers in eastern Tennessee who are accused of selling bituminous coal at from \$7 to \$9.50 per ton.

The government, under its agreement with the railroads, soon will be called upon to pay them 490 million dollars to meet deficits incurred in March, April, May, June, July and August, Director Parmelee of the bureau of railway economics, estimates.

Asserting that while the application by the federal reserve bank of brakes on credit had had a jarring effect "on some nervous systems," John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, in a recent statement said general business conditions were good.

Increased intrastate rates—freight, passenger and Pullman—to correspond with the interstate increases authorized by the interstate commerce commission, will be asked the various state railway commissions by the carriers, it was stated in Washington by Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives.

The future fuel supply of the oil burning part of the government's merchant fleet appears to shipping board officials to be assured with signing by the board of a contract with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to furnish about 15,525,000 barrels of fuel oil for the year beginning October 1.

Domestic

Prices of some food necessities are skidding downward. Potatoes show a drop of 44 and 55 a hundred. Sugar, which quite recently was reported very scarce at 32 to 35 cents a pound, is now plentiful at \$21.85 for a 100-pound bag. In smaller quantities it may be had for 22 to 24 cents, depending upon the locality.

The Chicago federation of labor has authorized its president, John Fitzpatrick, to appoint a committee of fifteen for the announced purpose of "actively going to battle" with the United States Chamber of Commerce on the "closed shop" proposition and to devise means of preventing "open shops."

J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana and prohibition party candidate for president in 1916, was killed almost instantly the other day when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad freight train six miles from Dennison, Ohio, on the New Philadelphia road.

In compliance with the wishes of President Wilson, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, will issue a mandatory order instructing all miners now on strike in Indiana and Illinois to immediately return to work, so as to permit the normal operation of the mines.

Four persons lost their lives and several others were injured in Philadelphia when fire swept a 5-story building in North Fourth street occupied by a dozen manufacturing concerns. Search was being made for other bodies.

Poses in three counties have been hunting for two bandits who robbed the State Bank at Peyton, Col., of \$16,500 in cash and securities. The bandits locked the assistant cashier and a customer in the bank's vault, looted the bank and escaped.

Southwest

Beginning on August 1, the Mexican government is charging \$10 in gold for vizing all passports of foreigners entering Mexico, the Mexican consul at Eagle Pass, Tex., was advised. The passports will be good for one year, it was announced.

Francis Farmer, 18 years old, of Wetumka, Ok., a student in a Muskogee business college, was drowned in the Arkansas river near Hyde Park the other evening. The boy was in bathing with friends.

C. L. Harkins, a white prisoner under sentence of fifty years, was stabbed and killed recently by Charley Walker, a negro convict, at the Oklahoma penitentiary. Johnnie Williams, a guard, stationed on the lookout on the prison wall, saw the two fighting and shot at the negro twice, but missed.

A sheriff's force raided a still in the hills south of Guthrie, Ok., recently, capturing Ed Vice, who was said to be the operator. Vice was turned over to federal officers. The still and a quantity of moonshine was confiscated.

One person is dead, two others are probably fatally burned and several are reported injured as the result of a Frisco motor car colliding with a truck laden with gasoline just north of Dorchester, near Denison, Texas recently.

Gen. Irineo Villareal, who led the recent attack against Monterey, and who later crossed into the United States near Zapata, has reached Laredo, Tex., and presented himself to District Attorney Valls.

Foreign

Francisco Villa, bandit idol of the Mexican peon, and for years a menace to governments of his country through out Northern Mexico, has entrained with his men for Torreón, there to take the first actual steps looking to his entrance once more into private Mexican citizenship, a consequence of his negotiations with the De La Huerta government, concluded at Salinas.

The fortress of Brest-Litovsk, the stronghold, 110 miles east of Warsaw on the boundary of Poland proper, is reported to have been captured by the Russians, according to a wireless dispatch from Berlin.

A possible alteration in the Turkish peace treaty was discussed among the allied representatives at Paris owing to the controversy between Italy and Greece over the Dodecanese archipelago in the Aegean.

The Chamber of Commerce of Osaka, Japan, has adopted a resolution declaring the American shipping law to be economic imperialism under which foreign steamers, and especially Japanese, are treated unfairly. The resolution says the law is tantamount to a proclamation of economic war on Japan.

Germany is trying to export by way of Sweden 200,000 rifles, and the Swedish government has been asked to give its consent to their importation, on the understanding that they are intended for re-exportation to Mexico.

There were 31,349 motor cars stolen in nineteen cities of the United States in 1919, compared to 25,613 in the same cities in 1918, according to figures just compiled by the National Automobile Dealers' Association. That is an increase of 22.4 per cent.

Twenty firemen were overcome at Chicago while fighting a fire that virtually destroyed the beef house of Armour & Co., a 5-story structure covering a block at the stock yards. The flames menaced a million dollars worth of beef in adjoining storage plants.

If the present birth and death rate continues, experts figure that Austria will be depopulated by 50 per cent in fifty years. In 1919 there were 15,070 more deaths than births, while the number of marriages was far above normal.

The Franco-British mission to Poland has made a report of the military situation in that country, which it declares is not so desperate, but that it can be retrieved without great difficulty if the mission's three main recommendations are followed.

The Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad, an American owned line, was seized by the state government of Sonora, Mexico, recently. The railroad for some days had been tied up by a strike. No formal notice of the intention of the Sonora authorities to seize and operate the line was given the railroad officials.

Purely as a precautionary measure in event the Bolshevik menace Warsaw, Poland, the American legation has suggested that American women welfare workers and wives of American prepare to depart within the next few days.

The war office announced that it had learned that the Greek vanguard had entered Adrianople. The Turks have destroyed the bridge over the Marita river near the junction of the Constantinople line with Adrianople-Swanike line.

Ohio got its third presidential candidate for the 1920 campaign when the Prohibition national convention at Lincoln, Neb., nominated Aaron S. Watkins of Germantown, O., after learning from William J. Bryan that he would not accept the nomination voted him.

Three western states, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, led all others May 4, in the number of bank depositors per 1,000 population, according to figures compiled by the comptroller of the currency.

Although martial law was proclaimed in Jerusalem and the city is under heavy patrol by British troops, scattered fights occurred between Jews and Mohammedans. Several persons were killed on both sides and about 250 were injured.

The last of the Romanoffs, relatives of the slain ex-czar, have arrived at Cannes, France, in safety after three years of wandering amid hardships and the peril of death by torture at the hands of infuriated revolutionist Russian peasants.

Productive Ornamentation.

Any back yard at all can be made both attractive and productive. Grapevines make a good porch trellis when space is not available for an arbor. A high fence or back porch may be used as trellis for blackberry plants. In a decorative border a few clumps of the brilliant red giant rhubarb will not look out of place. As for hedges which will be both decorative and highly productive, no plants of a useful variety will be more satisfactory than raspberries, gooseberries and currants. They are hardy, will take little care and will supply fruit for each season.

Plant Memorial Trees.

Planting of memorial trees is becoming a popular custom throughout the country, many cities and communities setting them out along streets and roads. A notable example of this is to be found at Tampa, Fla., where the Rotary club is spending \$7,000 in planting trees along a "Road of Remembrance," while at Chattanooga, Tenn., the National League for Women's service is lining the Dixie highway out of that city with memorial trees. The South is setting a fine example before the rest of the country in this work.

Sickly Community Handicapped.

You frequently hear a man say: "I am not in business for my health." Well, he should be, for if he loses his health on account of his business, the money generally goes with it.

Good health, that is, bodily health and vigor, lies at the bottom of economic prosperity. A sickly community cannot carry forward commercial enterprises and make them big financial successes.

Meadville Chautauqua Program

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly to Open Saturday, August 21 and Close Sunday, August 29

Saturday, August 21
(Free)

2:30 The Dietrics
7:30 The Dietrics

Sunday, August 22

9:30 Sunday School Everybody
10:00 Music Todhunter Sisters
Sermon Dr. Ira Landrith
2:30 Music Todhunter Sisters
Lecture Dr. Ira Landrith
7:30 Music Todhunter Sisters
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Monday, August 23

10:00 Entertainment Fisher Shipp Co
Lecture F. E. Beery
2:30 Entertainment Fisher Shipp Co
Lecture R. C. Cuibertson
7:30 Entertainment Fisher Shipp Co
Moving Pictures.

Tuesday, August 24

10:00 Prelude Chautauqua Preachers Quartet
Reading Margarette Penick
2:30 Quartete Chautauqua Preachers
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7:30 Quartete Chautauqua Preachers
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Wednesday, August 25

10:00 Quartete Chautauqua Preachers
Lecture F. R. Beery
2:30 Quartete Chautauqua Preachers
Lecture Rev. C. O. Stuckenbuch
7:30 Quartete Chautauqua Preachers
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Thursday, August 26

10:00 Entertainment Crawford Adams Co
Lecture Dr. M. H. Lichliter
2:30 Entertainment Crawford Adams Co
Child Entertainer Alice Louise Shrode
7:30 Entertainment Crawford Adams Co
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Friday, August 27

10:00 Entertainment Fisher Shipp Co
Lecture Dr. M. H. Lichliter
2:30 Entertainment Fisher Shipp Co
Lecture Wm. H. Britigan
7:30 Entertainment Fisher Shipp Co
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Saturday, August 28

10:00 Music Sholle Family Orchestra
Lecture A. W. Evans
2:30 Music Sholle Family Orchestra
Lecture H. L. Cope
7:30 Music Orchestra
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Sunday, August 29

9:30 Sunday School Everybody
10:00 Music Orchestra
Sermon A. C. MacKinney
2:30 Music Orchestra
Lecture Governor Harping of Iowa
7:30 Concert Orchestra
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